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Thursday

**April 19, 2012**

Panel

**4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Houston Hall (Ben Franklin Room)**

**University of Pennsylvania**

**3417 Spruce Street**

**Philadelphia, PA 19104-6306**

Reception

**6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

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